

INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT TASK FORCE

MEETING

MARCH 7, 2006 LITTLETON, NH

Members present:

Dave Dubey, Berlin EMS/ EMS Coord. Board; Clay Odell, NHBEMS; Alisa Butler, DHHS-Rural Health; Kurt Lucas, Littleton Regional Hospital, Will Riley, North Conway Ambulance, Jeanne Erickson, Speare Memorial Hospital; Jean McGovern, Littleton Regional Hospital, John Sanders, Memorial Hospital, Jonathan Dubey, Berlin EMS, Chandra Engelbert, Weeks Medical Center

- Most of the discussion centered around planning for the Summit meeting that will be taking place on March 30, 2006 at the Sunset Hill House in Sugar Hill NH. Brochures have gone out by email and US Mail. The group tweaked the schedule and confirmed the responsibilities of each of the presenters, which Clay goofed up on the notes from last month's meeting. The correct matching of topic to presenter is:
 - Improved Inter-Agency Cooperation - Clay
 - An Improved Method of Determining Ambulance Resources Needed - Chandra
 - EMS Crew Resource Sharing – Dave & Jeanne
 - Data Collection – Why and How – Alisa & Kurt
 - Update on the Interfacility Transport Provider Exception Program - Clay
 - Use of R-CHIP grants in NH for IFT - Alisa

Alisa has recruited a keynote speaker, Tom Judge, Director of Lifeflight of Maine. Tom has extensive experience with rural interfacility transport issues and is highly recommended as a speaker.

Clay will handle the logistics of nametags, folders and copying any handouts. Please get any handout materials to him in sufficient time.

It was decided that part of the introduction would be to refer to the results of last year's Summit (i.e. issues identified and suggestions from the brainstorming sessions). The introduction will indicate that all the results were considered by the task force, and prioritized by the task force, but assure attendees that the other issues and solutions are still valid and will be considered.

After the keynote speaker, breakout sessions will be coordinated around hospital catchment areas, and the groups will be facilitated by members of the IFTTF. Most of the group's discussions will focus on customizing and implementing the concepts presented at this year's Summit, but groups will be encouraged to share thoughts on the issues/ideas from last year's Summit as well as any new developments.

- Jeanne Erickson requested input from the task force on critical care paramedic education. Speare Memorial Hospital has received a grant to subsidize critical care

paramedic training, and Jeanne wants to make sure they will get the most bang for the buck. In addition there was some discussion about whether the University of Maryland – Baltimore County Critical Care EMT Paramedic (CCEMTP) program was right for the paramedics that will be attending the training. Jeanne said some of the providers in her area thought it seemed like a lot of hours, and also seemed more geared toward paramedics working in the hospital than interfacility transport providers.

Clay said that he had done some research on other opportunities for critical care transport training, and there really wasn't much besides the CCEMTP program. There were a couple of programs in Canada that were more hours than the CCEMTP program. There was something from the University of Iowa which was also more hours and unclear whether they had an off-campus program. The recommendation of the group was that the CCEMTP program, while not perfect seemed the most available, most recognized, and the most consistent program at this time.

- The group reviewed the latest draft of the data collection worksheet as produced by Jonathan Dubey. There were minor corrections suggested about language for releasing insurance information. Otherwise the document was approved. Jonathan will send out the final version via email.

As an afternote, Alisa contacted Clay and suggested that a short test-run of the document be done before presenting it at the Summit. Alisa will contact Chandra and ask if they will do a test of it at Weeks Medical Center.

- Clay commended the group on all the work they had done in the past year. It has been a pleasure to work on this task force. He hopes the members will consider staying on and continuing this important work, and also hopes to recruit some new participants.

Clay also thanks Littleton Regional Hospital once again for their generous donation of meeting space and food to support this fine effort.

- The next meeting of the Interfacility Transport Task Force will be the 2006 Interfacility Transport Summit, March 30, 2006 at the Sunset Hill House. Registration starts at 9:30.
- A copy of the Summit brochure is attached to this document.